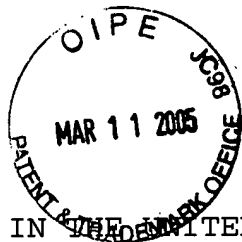


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed March 7, 2005, to which a response is due April 7, 2005:

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

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